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SUBJECT: HHE SHIPMENTS TO BAGHDAD

REF: 6 FAM 161 (D)

REF FAM STATES THAT, IF IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, HHE OF PERSONNEL STATIONED ABROAD MAY BE SHIPPED BY AIR. ALTHOUGH USINT'S NEW E/C OFFICER ARRIVED AT POST IN LATE JANUARY, 1975, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT HIS HHE WILL BE DELIVERED TO HIS RESIDENCE UNTIL LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY. BEIRUT, THE PORT THROUGH WHICH SHIPMENTS DESTINED FOR IRAQ ARE ROUTED, IS BADLY CLOGGED, WITH OFFLOADING DELAYS OF ONE MONTH AND MORE. CUSTOMS AND SHIPPING FORMALITIES ARE BURDENSOME, AND LONG DELAYS IN GETTING THE SHIPMENTS OUT OF CUSTOMS IN BAGHDAD ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED ARE ROUTINE. BAGHDAD'S PORT ON THE PERSIAN GULF, BASRA, IS VIRTUALLY INOPERATIVE DUE TO ANTIQUATED OFFLOADING TECHNIQUES AND POOR ONWARD SHIPPING CAPABILITY. THESE FACTORS TEND TO MAKE IRAQ AN EFFECTIVELY LAND LOCKED COUNTRY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE USED AT VARIOUS OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AND AUTHORIZE HHE AIR SHIPMENTS FOR USINT STAFF.

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